

Statement from Chris Savarese, Director of Rite Aid Public Relations:

“We believe that informal pricing surveys like this one are too small to draw meaningful conclusions about which pharmacies offer the best overall service offerings and value. They oftentimes also don’t take into account the discount and third-party insurance programs that are available to patients.”

Statement from Amy Lancot, Senior Manager of CVS Health Public Relations:

At CVS Pharmacy, we recognize that medication costs are a concern for patients. In fact, 50% of the prescriptions we fill in our stores cost patients \$4 or less, and 75% cost patients \$10 or less. For patients paying for prescriptions without health insurance, there are various value and discount programs available. CVS Pharmacy accepts most prescription discount cards that are on the market.

We make every effort to ensure our retail prices for prescription drugs are competitive. Generally speaking, our retail prices for prescriptions are in line with or less expensive than those of our major retail pharmacy competitors. In fact, our retail price for the medication in question is significantly less than what Rite Aid and Walgreens charge for the same drug. Due to varying business models and operational costs, there may be greater price differences for some medications between a retail pharmacy such as CVS Pharmacy and other types of businesses that operate pharmacies, such as warehouse stores.

Also, last year we implemented a comprehensive approach to help patients save money on their prescription medications, including an [Rx Savings Finder service](#) in our retail pharmacies through which our pharmacists can evaluate prescription savings opportunities for individual patients right at the pharmacy counter. CVS Pharmacy’s Rx Savings Finder enables our pharmacists to quickly and seamlessly review a patient’s prescription regimen, medication history, and insurance plan information to determine the best way for them to save money on out-of-pocket costs, with the primary goal of helping the patient find the lowest cost alternative under their pharmacy benefits plan.

Statement from Alex Brown, Walgreens Corporate Media Relations:

It’s important to note that an extremely small percentage of our patients’ prescriptions are purchased at cash prices. To assist patients who may not have insurance, our Prescription Savings Club offers savings on more than 8,000 brand and generic medications. More information on this can be found [here](#). We also accept all other major discount program cards.

When choosing a pharmacy, we encourage patients to select one that offers the best value based on pricing and also the services available – such as participation in government plans, 24/7 convenience and services that can accommodate immediate prescription drug needs. It’s also important for patients to use a single pharmacy so that pharmacists can monitor their medications and avoid potential drug interactions.

